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Bruins. Big win

Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas, left, shakes hands with Montreal Canadiens goalie Carey Price after the Bruins' 4-3 overtime win in Game 7 of their first-round Stanley Cup playoff series in Boston, yesterday.

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Bruins beat Habs in Game 7 overtime

The Bruins will now play the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference semifinals for the second consecutive year. For more coverage on last night's game, see page 20.

Londoners brainstorm makeover for city

London summit mulls ways to revitalize downtown, including building a new city hall, working more closely with private business

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Create an arts district in downtown London, shut off part of Dundas Street to cars and relocate city hall and create a gateway into the core.

Those ideas, generated by Liisa Sheldrick from 3M in London, were among hundreds bandied around yesterday during a Downtown Core Summit.

"This is probably the most important thing we've done in a long time. Are we ready to rebuild downtown?" Mayor Joe Fontana said to shouts of "yes," from several hundred people who filled the mezzanine of the Covent Garden Market yesterday evening.

"The downtown defines who we are and what we want to be."
MAYOR JOE FONTANA

Fontana talked about the need to create "energy centres" in the downtown, places capable of attracting investment and rejuvenating the downtown core.

One idea considered was whether to build a new city hall in the core to stimulate growth.

With that goal in mind and divided into small groups, Sheldrick and her group of community leaders came up with the idea for an arts district in the core, complete with a university.

Building a new city hall by Museum London would be a good idea, too.

"It creates a really beautiful entranceway at Harris Park and also frees up other areas of the city."

The former city hall building could then be transformed into a college or university campus.

Ideas generated yesterday are to be brought before council this spring.

City hall options

Council called the meeting in part because it's mulling what to do with the current city hall.

A report before council in January presented three options: keep it as is, expand the current site or sell it and build a new structure.

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A big screen date with Wills and Kate

Royal Wedding at the Palace, tickets are $25 200 sold Box office: 519-432-1029/palacetheatre.ca

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Tomorrow, an antique Rolls-Royce will be parked in front of the Palace Theatre. It's just one of the English touches the Palace has planned for the Royal Wedding at the Palace.

The Palace Theatre will be showing the union between Prince William and Kate Middleton on a 16-foot high definition screen at 6 a.m. Doors open at 5:30 a.m.

Faith Coates, marketing director at the Palace Theatre, will be there bright-eyed at four in the morning.

She said people should expect "a whole lot fun."

"There will be an English breakfast with jams, scones, finger sandwiches, and faux mimosas," said Coates.

"We're also having best hat and hand bag, best tiara and best costume contest. We have fabulous prizes that have been donated by merchants in town."

Coates said staff at the Palace wanted to host the event because they are "Anglophiles."

"We have hats and handbags, and we wanted to see if anyone else would get into the spirit — and boy did they ever."

Aiden Lee Thomas, 34, volunteers at the Palace, and she's one Londoner who got in the spirit.

"I'm just excited to see the world coming together and getting excited about something other than complaining about politics for the day," Said Thomas. "People can forget and put on a crazy hat."

MARINA BRKLJACA/FOR METRO

▶ Faith Coates, marketing director at the Palace Theatre, checks out one of her royal touches for the Royal Wedding at the Palace this Friday.

It's about glamour, says prof

Longtime royal watcher, professor emeritus Ninian Mellamphy from the University of Western Ontario says the allure of the wedding has more to do with glamour than royalty.

"If they were two film stars, the interest wouldn't be too different," said Mellamphy.

Mellamphy does wish them success and great happiness, but said their life probably doesn't feel like a fairytale right now.

MARINA BRKLJACA

Catholic board lays off teachers

The London District Catholic School Board has issued layoff notices to 116 teachers, but hopes "many of them" will be recalled before the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

The redundancy notices were sent out yesterday to 68 elementary school teachers and 48 secondary school teachers based on seniority. The greatest impact will occur at the secondary level, where the board expects 600 fewer students next year. Officials hope the impact at the elementary school level will be lessened due to the implementation of full-day kindergarten and an increase in preparation time.

1,368 The number of permanent teachers the board employs.

According to a news release, the board "hopes to recall many of the teachers in the weeks and months ahead when the number of retirements and leaves of absence for next year are confirmed. As permanent assignments become available, the redundant teachers will be recalled based on seniority and qualifications."

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News in brief

UWO cancer study funded

RESEARCH. A cancer study led by a London researcher is among 52 new research projects receiving funding from the Canadian Cancer Society. Dr. Fred Dick of the University of Western Ontario was awarded $379,713 over three years for his study of the process of cancer development. METRO

Men charged

AMMO, DRUGS FOUND. Police have charged two London men after a motor-vehicle stop. Patrick Ninham, 41, and Aaron Schuyler, 25, are both charged with possession of ammunition and disqualified operation of a motor vehicle. Schuyler is also charged with three counts of drug trafficking. METRO

Camping. Out

▶ London Professional Firefighters Association representative Tom Nicholson, from left, joins Danielle Campo, national ambassador for the Muscular Dystophy Society, and firefighters Chris Rennie and Jeremy Gilbert on the balcony of the Covent Garden Market yesterday.

KYLE REA/METRO

Firefighters set to camp-out for charity

Six local firefighters will spend three days camped out on the balcony to raise money for MD research. Their goal is $10,000 and volunteers will be on hand with boots to collect money. The camp-out ends at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Mercer to help rile up Vote Mob

Event to include popular Canadian comedian as well as information on how to vote in Monday's federal election

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The man who started a youth movement that has been compared to Trudeaumania is coming to London's Vote Mob.

Craig Hunter, organizer of the London Vote Mob, confirmed comedian and political commentator Rick Mercer is set to make an appearance at their event in Victoria Park at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"It's pretty exciting," said Hunter, adding that Mercer contacted him Tuesday to say he was coming.

Hunter said they originally organized the Vote Mob in hopes that Mercer would attend — he's in town for a two-evening fundraiser at Centennial Hall.

"We wanted to make our Vote Mob a big one because we're the last one before the election," Hunter said, adding more than 1,100 people have said they'll attend Saturday's event.

In addition to Mercer, who'll say a few words Saturday, CBC's The National is expected to do a show about the event.

There'll also be free pizza and pop, Hunter noted. Those who attend are encouraged to wear Canadian-themed garb. Check out the London Vote Mob's Facebook page for more info.

Young voters

- Vote Mobs originated with a Rick Mercer rant late last month that encouraged youth to "scare the hell" out of the politicians by doing the unexpected. Namely, voting. Since then Vote Mobs have sprung up across the country.
- Less than 40 per cent of youth between 18 to 25 voted in the 2008 election.

JOHN HRYNIUK PHOTOGRAPHY

▶ Comedian Rick Mercer has confirmed he will be attending the London Vote Mob on Saturday.

London firm one of Canada's best employers

London-based HRdownloads has been ranked as one of the best places to work in Canada by the Great Place to Work Institute and Your Workplace magazine. The human resources firm was also named one of the 2011 Best Workplaces in Canada, and was presented with the Top Workplaces Where Employees Thrive award.

"It will allow us to highlight the further expansion of both our sales and research teams, while providing new jobs for Londoners," said Tony Boyle, president of HRdownloads.

"This type of recognition is a strategic milestone for our company."
TONY BOYLE, PRESIDENT OF HRDOWNLOADS

HRdownloads was chosen for these awards based on surveys completed by a random selection of employees, along with a review of the organization's culture, including HR policies and procedures.

HRdownloads helps HR professionals and small businesses effectively manage their employees. **METRO**

HOMICIDE

Police call incident a murder suicide

London police are now treating an incident on Kipps Lane Monday evening as a murder-suicide.

Police say Constance Fuhrman, 43, of 621 Kipps Lane, died as a result of a homicide and are treating the death of her estranged husband, Kenneth Fuhrman, 47, of Thorndale as suicide.

The exact cause of death for both has not yet been determined.

Police were called to 621 Kipps Lane around 6 p.m. Monday where they found Constance Fuhrman inside a 10th floor apartment. Kenneth Fuhrman was found on the grass outside the building, suffering from life-threatening injuries. He was later pronounced dead at London hospital.

Const. Dennis Rivest, London police spokesman, said they continue to investigate what happened, including interviews with witnesses. He did say no note was found. **KYLE REA**

Aldridge rocks out at Norma Jeans

John Bellone Music and Yamaha Drums presents Tommy Aldridge live May 18 at Norma Jeans (1332 Huron St.). Admission is $10 (kids 13 and under are free) to see the former drummer for Whitesnake, Ozzy Osbourne and Thin Lizzy. There will also be a draw to win a free Yamaha Rock Tour drum kit, as well as other prizes. **METRO**

Cops tag suspect in graffiti case

London police have concluded an eight-month graffiti investigation with the arrest of an 18-year-old male. The adult accused of tagging the Oakridge area with "MORG" and "MORGER." He's also accused of tagging the CN Bridge with an "OREST" tag as a tribute to the adult male who was arrested and charged for all the "OREST" tags in the downtown area in February this year. **METRO**

Our skate heroes to miss big show

Tessa, Scott forced to choose Moscow over London

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▶ Gold medallists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir

A star-studded crew of figure skating greats is ready to hit the ice at the John Labatt Centre. But hometown heroes Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir will likely be absent.

Kurt Browning, four-time world figure skating champ and spokesperson for the Sears Stars On Ice show, confirmed Virtue and Moir won't be in London due to commitments with the World Figure Skating Championships in Moscow.

That tournament was originally scheduled for March in Japan, but the earthquake and tsunami disaster forced it to be moved to Moscow — and it now conflicts with this weekend's show.

"Basically they have no choice, they have to skate an exhibition skate on Sunday," Browning said.

"We're pretty upset that this moment will be taken away from them …

"You can't pretend that not having them in their hometown doesn't suck."

Browning said there's a slim chance they could hop on a plane right after and race home for the show, but it's unlikely.

But there will still be great skaters at Sunday's event, Browning said.

Included are 2010 bronze medallist Joannie Rochette and 2002 gold medallists Jamie Salé and David Pelletier.

Sears Stars On Ice at the John Labatt Centre begins at 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets range from $26.75 to $116.75. Contact the box office at 1-866-455-2849.

UWO. Donors dominate

▶ Caryna Wilding, right, of Canadian Blood Services hands a book store gift card to UWO student Krystyna Thomas, 20 for donating blood. At left is student Brittany Thompson, 21, who helped Western to its win.

MARINA BRKLJACA/FOR METRO

Thanks, Krystyna, for giving blood

The University of Western Ontario came up trumps in the sixth annual Blood 101 challenge. Twenty-four universities, colleges and technical campuses across Canada competed to bring in the most donors.

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More politicos than romantics in Canada

A spike in media coverage may have boosted interest in the royal wedding One in five Canadians will watch

What would Canadians rather watch — aspiring prime ministers swapping barbs, or a glamorous royal couple exchanging vows?

A pair of recent surveys suggest Canada's political leaders may come out on top.

A poll assessing national interest in the upcoming royal wedding suggests about 40 per cent of Canadians have been making plans to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot tomorrow.

The poll found 19 per cent of Canadians said they were very likely to watch the royal nuptials on television, with an additional 20 per cent saying they were somewhat likely to tune in.

About 15 per cent of Canadians said they were somewhat unlikely to watch the wedding, while 44 per cent said they were very unlikely to do so.

Impressive as those figures may seem for an event in the early morning hours across the country, they fall short of the 51 per cent that declared their intention of watching the English-language election debate that was on TV earlier this month.

Harris-Decima senior vice-president Doug Anderson said the results suggest the royal wedding is a significant event in the national consciousness, but only for certain parts of the population.

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Age, sex, location?

Interest in the royal wedding varies among different demographics.

- **Female** Twenty-six per cent of women had firm plans to watch the lavish ceremony, compared to only 11 per cent of men.
- **Youth** Canadians over the age of 50 are more likely to watch (30 per cent) compared to just six per cent of those 18 to 34.
- **Region** In Quebec, interest was more muted as 52 per cent of survey respondents said they were very unlikely to watch the festivities

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▶ A bookie takes bets outside Westminster Abbey yesterday. Interest in the royal wedding may be low among Canadian youth, but in London, spectators of all ages are gathering around the route that Prince William and Catherine Middleton will take tomorrow.

Layton eyes 24 Sussex as NDP surges in polls

Election 2011

One says Sussex Drive, the other Stornoway.

Jack Layton and Stephen Harper don't agree, naturally, on where the NDP leader ought to be after Monday's vote — running the country or leading the official Opposition.

But the very fact they're talking seriously about such things — once laughably unlikely, now foreheadslappingly possible — shows just how utterly on its ear the federal campaign has been turned.

Layton, looking comfortable in an elbow-patch cardigan and brandishing his cane as he took to the rally stage in Winnipeg, nearly brought the house down yesterday with a well-worn bit of dare-to-dream campaign rhetoric.

"As your prime minister," he began, only to be drowned out by a deafening chorus of partisan cheering. "Sounds like you like that phrase," he grinned mischievously.

Beaming, Layton tried it again, and the cheering got louder every time.

Harper, campaigning in Waterloo, Ont., painted Layton as an inexperienced opposition leader who would seek to topple the Tories should they be denied a majority.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen , drill screws into hockey boards at a factory in Waterloo, Ont. yesterday.

NDP jump

Recent opinion polls suggest the NDP leads the Liberals, and Tory majority may be beyond reach.

- Ekos Research had the NDP at 28.1 per cent, in second place behind the Conservatives at 34 per cent.
- Liberals languish at 22.9 per cent, while the Bloc and Green are at 6.6 and 6.5 per cent, respectively

Grits hope for Chrétien pull

The Liberals put a popular ex-prime minister front-and-centre yesterday, hoping a bout of nostalgia will lift their fortunes.

Jean Chrétien joined current party leader Michael Ignatieff for an evening rally in Toronto.

The Grits are counting on their former chief to reinvigorate the faithful as some polls put the Liberals in third place behind the Conservatives and surging NDP. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge to rule on G8 report release

A Federal Court judge will rule today on whether to hear a case that calls for the auditor general to release her G8 spending report before the election.

A hearing was held yesterday asking the court to expedite the case. Justice Simon Noel reserved his decision.

Toronto's Kathleen Trotter, backed by activist group Avaaz, filed the lawsuit in Federal Court this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media mogul scorns Tory aide

A top Tory strategist has left the Harper campaign after a media mogul outed him for supplying false information.

The Conservatives confirmed yesterday that Patrick Muttart has parted ways with Prime Minister Stephen Harper's team.

Sun Media owner Pierre Karl Peladeau took Muttart to task for inaccurately portraying Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff as a planner of the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

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Meeting turns to massacre in Afghanistan

Afghan military pilot killed eight U.S. soldiers and one civilian Gunman had no ties to Taliban

A veteran Afghan military pilot said to be distressed over his personal finances opened fire at Kabul airport after an argument yesterday, killing eight U.S. troops and an American civilian contractor.

It was the deadliest episode of an Afghan turning against his coalition partners. The veteran military pilot was killed during the attack and five Afghan soldiers were injured.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said all nine of those killed by the pilot were Americans. The Afghan Defence Ministry said the pilot fired on the Americans after an argument in the Afghan Air Corps at Kabul airport.

20 The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the gunman was impersonating an army officer. But the Defence Ministry said the gunman was an Afghan military pilot of 20 years.

"Suddenly, in the middle of the meeting, shooting started," said Afghan Air Corps spokesman Col. Bahader, who uses only one name. "After the shooting started, we saw a number of Afghan army officers and soldiers running out of the building. Some were even throwing themselves out of the windows to get away."

Dr. Mohammad Hassan Sahibi, the brother of the shooter, said his brother had been battling financial troubles. But Sahibi said his brother had no ties to insurgents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil. Aflame

▶ An Afghan policeman leads a fireman out of the scene of a burning NATO fuel tanker yesterday.

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NATO fuel tanker targeted

A bomb planted underneath a tanker carrying fuel for the NATO forces, exploded on Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. Police officials said there were no casualties.

Learning from past

The American-led war in Afghanistan is heading toward an outcome similar to the disastrous Soviet invasion three decades ago, a new academic analysis concludes.

The analysis concludes the U.S. and its allies have three choices: Declare victory and leave, settle in for a long-protracted attempt at nation-building that will likely fail, or focus narrowly on counter-terrorism.

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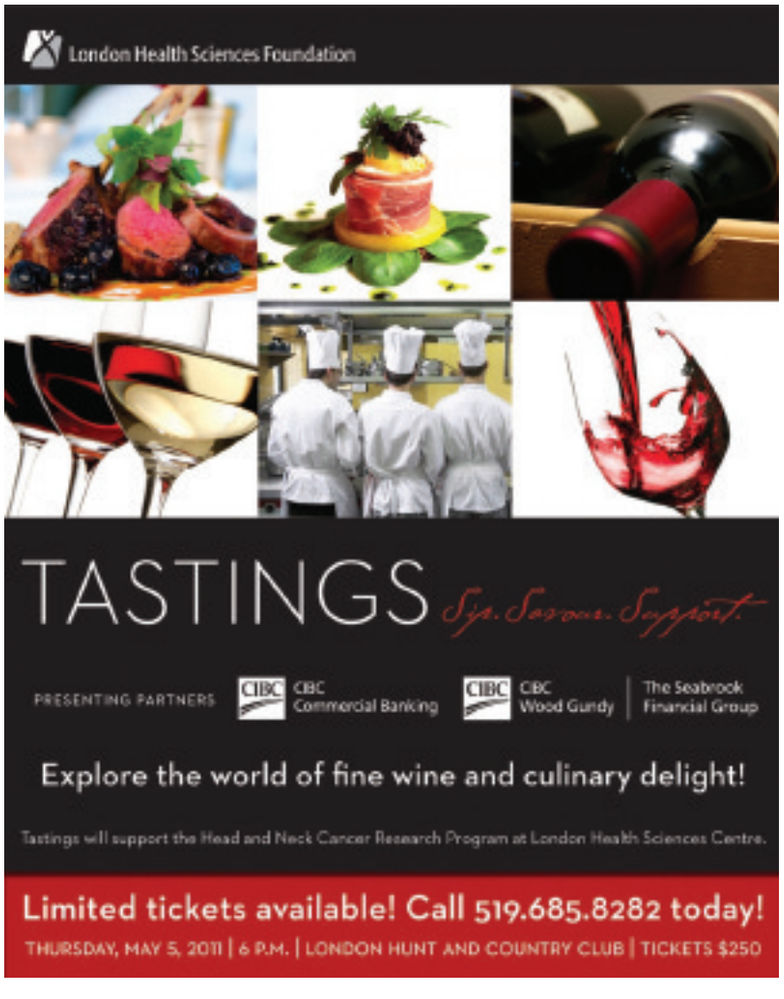
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▶ Foreign evacuees, who fled the besieged city of Misrata, carry their baggage as they are relocated into tents at a temporary refugee camp in Benghazi, Libya, yesterday. The camp provides shelter, basic humanitarian needs and transportation to the Egyptian borders for the displaced who are fleeing conflict zones.

Crisis in Misrata worsens

Food stocks dwindling in the Libyan city NATO increases air strikes, as EU pledges $146 million in aid

NATO warplanes pounded forces loyal to Libyan leader Moaamar Gadhafi attacking the rebel-held city of Misrata, blasting fighting vehicles advancing on the port that serves as the besieged city's sole lifeline, a NATO spokeswoman said yesterday.

The battle for Misrata has become the focal point of the uprising against Gadhafi's regime, and the near-constant shelling of the city by government troops over the past two months has spurred calls for more forceful international intervention to stop the bloodshed.

"NATO forces moved quickly to break up a force advancing on Misrata port."
CARMEN ROMERO, NATO SPOKESWOMAN

In Brussels, the EU commissioner for humanitarian aid said the shelling of the Misrata port has worsened the already bad humanitarian situation in the city and that the 27-nation group has set aside more than 100 million euros ($146 million) to address pressing humanitarian needs.

"The port shelling hampers vessel rotation and therefore hinders further evacuations," said commissioner Kristalina Georgieva. "The delivery of food, medical supplies and other relief items has been interrupted, and it is close to impossible for our humanitarian partners to evacuate the wounded and civilians by sea."

A resident in Misrata said the city's food stocks were dwindling, and that relief supplies brought by UN aid agencies were not enough to meet requirements. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A female anti-government protester chants slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, yesterday.

Popular uprising

Yemeni security forces opened fire on a massive anti-government demonstration in the capital Sanaa yesterday, killing 12 protesters and wounding some 190, a doctor at the scene said.

- **Landmark** The violence broke out as about 100,000 government opponents filled a landmark square at the epicentre of the uprising, spilling into the streets around the state TV building.
- **Civil society** Yemenis in at least 18 cities and towns launched a civil disobedience campaign yesterday in an escalation of their more than two-month-old uprising to bring down long-serving President Ali Abdullah Saleh.
- **Shut down** Shops, schools and government offices were shuttered. The closures are planned twice weekly until Saleh steps down, activists said.
- **Revolt** At times, millions have flooded the streets of the capital and other cities and towns.

TANKS TRUMP SUPPLIES IN SYRIA

The city at the heart of Syria's month-long uprising ran low on food, water and medicine yesterday as the army sent in more tanks and reinforcements as part of a widening crackdown against opponents of President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime, witnesses said.

Two residents in Daraa said at least five army officers had sided with demonstrators, and conscripted soldiers sent into the city were quietly refusing orders to detain people at checkpoints and were allowing some people through to get scarce supplies. But the Syrian government denied that there had been any splits in the military, which is seen as fiercely loyal to Assad.

Gunfire and sporadic explosions were heard in Daraa, two days after the military rolled in — backed by tanks and snipers.
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LTE NETWORKS

Rogers pulls a fast one

Rogers Communications Inc. will roll out an even faster wireless network this year to serve its mobile phone and laptop users, beating rival Telus in the race to have the fastest network.

Long-Term Evolution networks, which are coming into use globally, offer mobile users the equivalent of a home or office Internet connection. LTE service is three to four times faster than Rogers' existing network, chief executive Nadir Mohamed told an annual shareholder meeting yesterday in Toronto.

Vancouver-based Telus will introduce its own LTE network next year. Montreal-based Bell has announced it's also testing the technology but hasn't said when it will launch its network.

LTE is expected to reach Canada's Top 25 markets by the end of 2012. Devices that run on LTE networks are just starting to be sold to consumers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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Gold contracts $1,517.10 US (+ $13.60 US)

Air Canada Express finally takes wing

Montreal-Toronto service could cause flap with rivals Porter, WestJet

Air Canada's rebranding of its regional service is set to take flight Sunday with the launch of Air Canada Express service between Montreal and Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

Sky Regional will begin contracted service with five slightly used Q400 aircraft. But the fleet of 120 Jazz planes owned by Chorus Aviation will gradually get new colours as they come in for maintenance, as will the 15 new Bombardier Q400s on order.

Non-unionized Sky Regional is one of several small carriers that have contracts with Canada's largest airline. It has 30 flight attendants and 30 pilots.

> **"In the U.S. and in Europe, a lot of big airlines use multiple carriers for their regional feed."**
> BEN SMITH, CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AIR CANADA

Ben Smith, Air Canada's chief commercial officer, said bookings for the new service are running as planned. About 60 per cent of passengers are expected to be corporate customers.

To compete with Porter Airlines, which also operates from the Toronto island airport, the new service will also offer beverages and food. And passengers will have the flexibility to fly into the island airport, but out of Pearson International.

In addition to creating a unified regional service, Air Canada is looking at the viability of a low-cost carrier and is holding discussions with its labour unions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Chief commercial officer Ben Smith shows a Bombardier Q400 aircraft yesterday in Montreal as Air Canada announced the resumption of service between Pierre Trudeau airport and the Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

iPhones track hotspots, not users: Apple

Apple Inc.'s iPhones do not store a record of their users' movements for up to a year, the company said yesterday. Rather, they store a list of Wi-Fi hotspots and cell towers in their general area.

The company promised software fixes to address privacy concerns raised last week after a report from researchers Alasdair Allan and Pete Warden at a technology conference in Santa Clara, Calif.

The data in question, downloaded from Apple, help the phone figure out its location without having to listen for faint signals from GPS satellites. That means navigation applications can present the phone's location faster and more accurately, Apple said.

The data are stored for up to a year because of a software error, the company added. There's no need to store data for more than seven days, and a software update in the next few weeks will limit the amount of data in that file.

The iPhone will also stop backing up the file to the user's computer, a practice that also raised some concerns. Computers are much more vulnerable to remote hacking attempts than are phones.

Apple said that while iPhones regularly transmit their location to Apple, they do so only anonymously, and the company isn't able to track users.

It can also transmit a user's location to companies that buy ads through Apple's iAds advertising system, but only if the user approves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ The new white iPhone 4 is available in Canada today.

iPhone 4 U

- **Apple's long-delayed** white iPhone 4 goes on sale today in Canada for $199 US or $299 US depending on the model. The company had hoped to make the phone available last year, but said it proved more challenging to produce than expected.
- **The iPhone 4 can be** ordered online (apple.com) or purchased at Apple stores and authorized Apple resellers.

Western outlook is best

Canadians — especially westerners — are feeling better about their economic prospects, the Conference Board says.

The think-tank's consumer confidence index rose four points to 87.7 this month, largely due to improved job prospects and willingness to make large purchases. While an improvement over March, the reading is still well below pre-recession levels.

Not in the West, however. In British Columbia, confidence surged 17.7 points to 108.9, and in the Prairies it rose 7.1 points to 105.9 per cent.

By comparison, the index stands at 76.2 per cent in Ontario, 81 in Quebec and 88.1 in Atlantic Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Marilyn' hotel to get makeover

A Canadian developer has won a bid for a landmark hotel in downtown Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Jamil Kara of Vancouver outbid 10 others who qualified for Tuesday's auction of the 76-year-old Hotel Niagara.

Kara, who bid $1.25 million US, says he plans to convert the 12-storey building into a boutique hotel with condominiums.

The hotel is viewed by officials as a key to revitalizing the city. Its guest list included actress Marilyn Monroe, who stayed there in 1952 while filming the movie Niagara.

Kara has been involved with real estate projects across Canada. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Card info 'compromised'

The credit-card data of PlayStation users worldwide may have been stolen in a hack attack, Sony Corp. says.

The company was forced to shut down its PlayStation Network last Wednesday, disconnecting 77 million user accounts, after it learned account information, including names, birthdates, email addresses and log-in data, had been compromised for certain players in the days before.

Sony says some services will be restored in a week. But industry experts say the scale of the breach is staggering and could cost the company billions of dollars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUNDING OFF ON MOVIEGOERS

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

It's time for summer movie season, where the action is fast, the sound is explosive, and the people are idiots.

I used to see lots of movies in public during the summer months. But then I realized the public will be there, so I stopped. Way too many of my memorable movie-going experiences have nothing to do with the film.

Consider:

Life Is Beautiful: Two elderly women could not keep up with the subtitles, largely because they were reading them out loud. When there was a time jump after a love scene, they expressed confusion about where the amorous couple had found a young boy.

The Blair Witch Project: A young woman sitting behind me talked in equal measure about how scared she was and how she had absolutely no idea what was going on. At one point, she saw that one of the characters had a rip in his jeans and squealed, "What does it mean?!"

Contact: The movie starts with a long, beautiful shot of the noiseless vacuum of outer space, which led people throughout the theatre to yell, "Something's wrong with the sound! Hello? HELLO?!"

People like this used to make me angry, but I have recently realized it's not their fault. The fault lies with our whole attitude toward blockbuster movies, especially during the summer season of "event" films, which are required by law to contain a constant mix of bosoms, explosions, and/or zombies.

"Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers."

Most of these movies suck, but if you say that, then somebody will inevitably say, "Just turn your brain off and enjoy it." I hate that.

Watching a bad movie must be the only human endeavour where dumbing yourself down is considered acceptable. Imagine if you were eating spoiled lasagna and a friend said, "Just turn your brain off and revert to a dog-like state where the meat causes you joy."

Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers.

I see now that these are all normal people — who during their day-to-day lives have minds and manners and children who love them — but who during movies "turn off their brains" so they can enjoy the ride.

And that's why I avoid seeing blockbusters in public. Because if I didn't, I might become the next summer-movie mindless zombie. If that ever happens to me, you know what to do ...

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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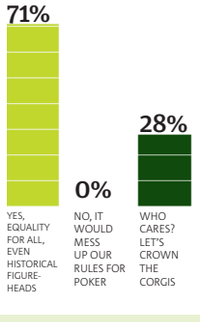
Do you think William and Kate's first born should take the throne no matter the gender?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Local tweets

- **@Greg Ortbach:** #ldnont speed trap near Wellington Timmy's
- **@dmrodrigues89:** I loveeee this rainy day :) #ldnont
- **@dfleckaa:** anddd going on the 21st day spent in the library ... i sincerely hate you #UWO
- **@kikijoie:** When I see people wearing U of T clothing I just feel bad for them, and wonder if they actually like this school. #uwo #mustangforlife
- **@thetrishwarp:** Why does it feel like my first year is way longer than everyone elses? Bah! #uwo
- **@natashawillis:** Playboy says #UWO is Canada's top party school. Princeton says we're one of Canada's Top 3 "green" schools. #insertSTDjokehere #tooeasy
- **@naomisayers00:** Just got asked to bartend/serve at Rib fest, fall festival, & food festival. Oh yeah! Gonna be a good summer, busy but good ;) #ldnont
- **@christine_moss:** An Enterprising Social Change Networking Group for London Ontario. What do you think? What would you like to see? #socent #ldnont #fb

Letters

Re: Breaking up ain't hard (metronews.ca)

OTTAWA. As a young woman living in Ottawa Centre, I was personally insulted by the comments made by Helen Friel (Ottawa-Centre Conservative candidate Damian Konstantinakos' campaign office manager), in which she suggested that women dislike Stephen Harper simply because we don't find him "charming."

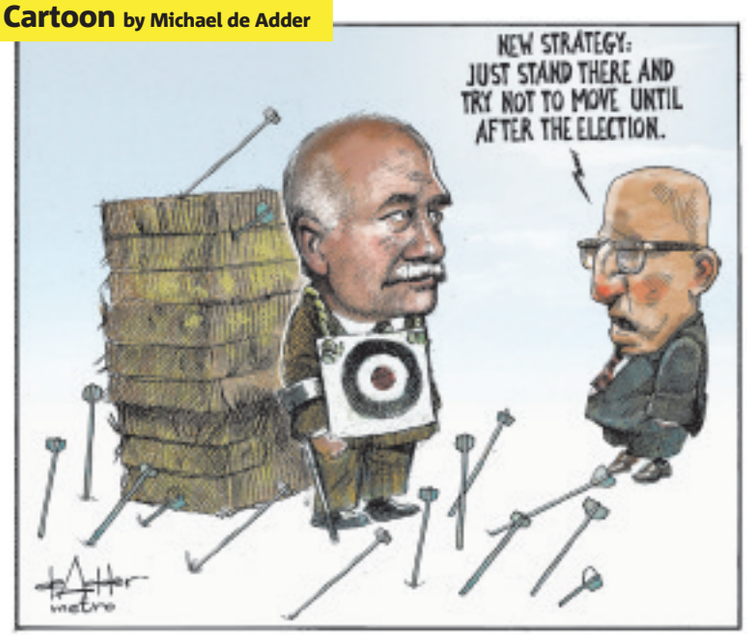
It is exactly this patronizing mentality demonstrated by the Conservative party that deters women such as myself from supporting them.

I feel that Friel's comments imply that women lack the capacity to make rational informed decisions, a stereotype that women have been fighting for years — a fight that has perhaps become more difficult since the Harper government cut funding for women's advocacy by 43 per cent.

Other cuts have included the closing of 12 out of 16 Status of Women offices, and the scrapping of our progressive Court Challenges program.

Yeah, I guess we don't find those things "charming." **GLENNYS EGAN**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Her golden locks needed protection

Romanians are known to be security conscious, but when the parliament speaker was accompanied by six security officers funded by the taxpayer to the hairdresser, some considered it too much.

Click, a daily newspaper, reported yesterday that Roberta Anastase was guarded by six officers who waited for her outside the hairdresser's during a recent three-hour appointment.

Roberta Anastase

Anastase, who was crowned Miss Romania in 1994, is the third most important person in the Romanian state hierarchy and is legally entitled to around-the-clock security, the Romanian parliament said, responding to the article.

Political commentator Cristian Teodorescu questioned whether Anastase needs 17 guards, which are tasked for her round-the-clock protection. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Scene in brief

Steven Tyler says he wasn't the only Aerosmith member who was abusing drugs in recent years. In an interview with Rolling Stone, Tyler says he and Joe Perry did drugs together in 2008 after years of sobriety. Aerosmith had been working on a new album, which never developed.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NYC police investigate post-concert police escort of Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs, say it wasn't OK'd

Breathing new life back into The Met

Historic building from 1912 has found a new purpose in the new millenium **More than 30 vendors are expected to set up shop in artisan market**

HANDOUT

Katie Wilhelm and Savanah Sewell from 379 Collective restored The Met, turning it into an artisan market.

BACKSTAGE PASS

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METRO LONDON

Walking into The Met I am struck by its size: voices echo in the wide open space. Sawdust sits in piles on the floor, lumber still being cut and put into place. A team is installing track lighting, which hangs down from the beautiful, ornate tin ceiling.

"You can't reproduce that," says Savanah Sewell, one part of the 379 Collective which is responsible for the restoration and revitalization of the historic building along with building owner Chris Kirwin. "It's what I like best about the space."

On Saturday The Met, built in 1912, will re-open its doors as an artisan market, housing the wares of local artists, crafts people and musicians. More than 30 vendors will set-up shop selling handmade jewelry, crafts, vintage clothing, music and furniture in the space at 140 Dundas St.

"People who are walking past down the street are beside themselves — it's a throwback to the 1920s through the '60s when the building used to be The Metropolitan store," says Katie Wilhelm, the other half of 379.

Wilhelm and Sewell stand near the original letters from The Metropolitan, excited and overwhelmed by the space and the project. It was like a treasure hunt, they say, coming into the building for the first time, finding the vintage signage, the historic ceiling and detailed moldings trimming the walls.

"It's exciting to see the historical value and the restoration." Wilhelm says. "This building is being brought back to life."

The Met's grand opening this weekend includes live music on Saturday, as well as buskers and community buzz on the street between The Met and the Covent Garden Market.

"This is about bringing people off of Richmond and back to Dundas Street," says Sewell.

Following The Met's opening Saturday, the artisan market will have regular hours, open Saturdays and Sundays until 5 p.m.

Screen TIFF gem Modra

On Thursday night, APK Live and Museum London are partnering to host the screening and after party of TIFF film Modra. The film stars a first year Media, Information and Technolculture student from UWO, Alexander Gammal.

The film, which chronicles a trip by two young Torontonians to the small town of Modra in Slovakia, is part of Museum London's Domestic Arrivals Film Series.

Admission to the screening is $10 and includes the opportunity to speak with a selection of the film's actors and director, as well as admission to the event's after party at APK Live.

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Pop music, orchestra style collide

On Sunday, Orchestra London will be performing at Centennial Hall as part of the Pop Series. This series, which is a great introduction to Orchestra London, gives the audience a symphony's take on pop music.

Featuring anything from U2, to this week's theme: A heart that's free — music from leading ladies including numbers from Star Wars, The Secret Garden and Mozart Operas, the Pops is a matinee performance starting at 2:30 p.m. Student tickets are available.

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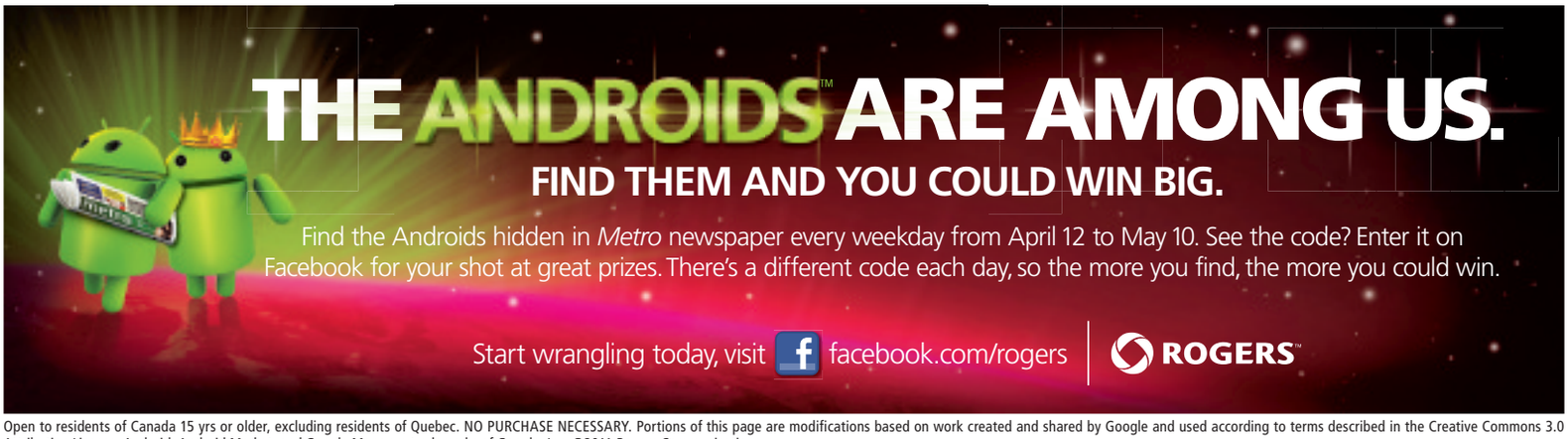
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PREP FOR FRIDAY WITH THESE REEL ROYAL WEDDINGS

IN FOCUS

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Perhaps you've heard, there's a wedding on Friday. But no, your invitation isn't lost in the mail or caught in a spam folder, you're just not on the list.

When Prince William and Kate Middleton walk down Westminster Abbey's storied aisle (where William's uncle Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson in 1986) to exchange "I do's" you'll be at home in your pyjamas watching it on TV with a cup of tea in your hand and a crumpet at your side. The upside? You don't have to get them a wedding gift.

To prep for the pomp and circumstance I've selected a number of royal wedding movies to get you primed for the big day.

The name Marie Antoinette is synonymous with surplus and when little Ms. Let Them Eat Cake wed the Dauphin of France no expense was spared. Married by proxy a month before, she arrived at the site of the ceremonial wedding — at the Palace of Versailles no less — in a procession that included 48 carriages.

See a recreation of the exercise in excess in Sophia Coppola's 2006 film, Marie Antoinette. It may not get the details 100 per cent right, but if you want accuracy watch the History Channel.

Also torn from the history books is The Duchess, the story of the 17-year-old Georgiana Cavendish (Keira Knightley), great-great-great-great-grandaunt of Diana, Princess of Wales, who weds the much older Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes).

Speaking of relatives, the life, love and marriage of Queen Victoria (Prince William is her fourth great-grandson) are detailed in The Young Victoria, starring Emily Blunt.

Despite being shot by soft candlelight for a glowing historical feel, The Young Victoria isn't Masterpiece Theatre. Accents and petticoats aside, this is a modern movie, with a modern sensibility, that mixes history, politics, romance, castle etiquette and backroom dealings into one frilly, appealing package.

In the realm of the unreal are two final reel royal weddings. Before Anne Hathaway started taking her clothes off in every movie she stars in, she was the wholesome star of The Princess Diaries. In PD2: Royal Engagement, her character, Princess Mia, must get married in order to become queen.

▶ Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend star in The Young Victoria.

The most recent royal wedding to hit screens happens in Your Highness, the medieval stoner comedy starring Natalie Portman and James Franco. Prince Fabious Franco walks Belladonna (Zooey Deschanel) down the aisle but the wedding is interrupted by an evil sorcerer.

Let's hope William and Kate have better luck.

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Lookalikes looking for love

10 William and Kate doubles from across the EU get hitched in London **Italian-U.K. couple win competition**

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▶ Royal lookalikes have descended on London for a competition.

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With just 48 hours to go in the Royal Wedding countdown, Europe's 10 best Prince William and Kate Middleton lookalikes gathered by London landmark Tower Bridge to find out if they had won the final round of a royal lookalike contest.

Hundreds of entrants from all over Europe entered a competition launched by cheap flight airline EasyJet, but it was Simon Watkinson from U.K. and Orsola Rossi from Italy who were crowned as the ultimate Prince and Princess lookalikes. They each won a year's worth of free EasyJet flights.

"I have never thought about being a Kate lookalike until 20 days ago when a friends told me I look like the bride-to-be," Orsola Rossi, 30, from Milan told Metro. "I don't think I will profit from it, but I really enjoy visiting London and being a Kate lookalike."

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ORSOLA ROSSI

"It is unbelievable that many strange people on the streets keep telling me I look like William," said Simon Watkinson, 29, an engineer who now works as a Prince William impersonator and bears the most remarkable resemblance to the future King.

"I think one of the reasons is that William is sort of losing his hair a bit, and mine's receding a little," he added before he kissed a Kate lookalike on the cheek, just like Prince William would do to Kate.

Besides the most similar appearances to Will and Kate, the judges also assessed how the 'Kates' threw their bouquets and curtseyed in their wedding dress, and how well the RAF uniform-attired Wills' proposed to their brides on one knee.

▶ Andy Walker and Kate Bevan live the life of lookalikes.

The life of a lookalike

While the official royal couple launch boats and visit hospitals, their spitting-images have been busier than ever with parties and photo shoots. We spoke to Andy Walker, Prince William look-alike, about his life of having a famous face.

When did you discover that you looked like Prince William?

I have had people say it throughout my life but I never really thought anything of it. I certainly didn't think I could make a career out of it.

"I never really thought anything of it. I certainly didn't think I could make a career out of it" **ANDY WALKER**

How busy are you at the moment?

I work a three-four day week. Ninety-five per cent is media work, a lot of photo shoots, TV and that sort of thing. I was in a full time job as a security manager. Since the engagement the demand became so high that I had to give up my job.

Do people stop you and think you are Prince William?

Not that much. Well first of all, I've got a lot more hair (laughs). He is losing it really quickly at the moment. I think I look like a younger version of him.

MARIA THUESEN BLEEG

Adapted by Glyn Robbins from the book entitled "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien

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Hudson engagement discovered on TV show

Today Show host Matt Lauer picks up on the new ring around Kate's finger

Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy are engaged, the actress revealed during an interview with Matt Lauer for the Today show after Lauer pointed out an engagement ring on her finger.

"It just happened a week ago, I'm so glad you noticed," she said.

"I haven't really announced it and I felt like the announcing thing feels so silly, and I was just waiting for someone to notice."

No date has been set, as the couple is focused on welcoming their first child together this summer.

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KATE HUDSON

▶ Kate Hudson

LiLo has regrets

With a 120-day jail sentence looming, Lindsay Lohan is owning up to her past mistakes and hoping to turn her life around.

"I've made a lot of poor decisions in the past and I'm dealing with the consequences of those decisions," she said during an interview with Jay Leno. "I know that I have to work to gain the respect back and I'm willing to do the work that I have to do to follow through with being an actress because that's what I love."

But more than anything, she wishes the public would focus on her work more than her troubles.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Talking points

Harry afraid of playing Harry

NO MORE PLEASE. There is one thing that seriously scares Daniel Radcliffe: playing Harry Potter again.

The actor panicked last October when series author J.K. Rowling told Oprah Winfrey she could write more books about the boy wizard.

"I was worried! I texted her. I said, 'Look, is this true? Are you writing another book?'" he tells Celebuzz. "She wrote back that she was so pleased with my performance in Harry Potter 7: Part 1 that as a reward, she promised to never write another book about Harry."

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Aniston on her way to NYC

CHANGING LIFESTYLES

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly ditching L.A. for New York.

The actress has put her west coast home on the market and is close to closing on a $5.6 million Manhattan penthouse, according to Hollyscoop.

While the 1,200-square-foot one-bedroom apartment isn't huge, it does come with 800 square feet of terrace space facing both north and south.

Aniston, who lived in New York when she was younger, has said she's eager to get back to the Big Apple.

"There is nothing like being in the city that is just the city of Everyman," she has said. "It's all walks of life — I love that!"

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Celebrity tweets

On my way to Studio to make out with various boy band members....

@kirstiealley

@ladygaga

"Whoever is hacking my Twitter must answer to 10 million monsters and Twitter police. "

@bobsaget

"It's never good to change yourself for someone else. Unless you really suck."

@ConanOBrien

"Weekend plans. 1. Take lawn chair to Hollywood Boulevard. 2. Yell at tourists who step on Janet Jackson's star."

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Barbie Girl

Meet the new Catherine Middleton doll! Unlike many of the other gifts cashing in on monarchy mania, this children's toy has some winning features like the glossy mane of hair, Issa style dress, the fascinator... It's very Kate-like and she's fashionably thin! RICHARD PECKETT

Royal bride Kate Middleton can look at previous UK royal gowns for inspiration.

Since her engagement to Prince William, the pressure has grown on Kate Middleton to become a style superstar But is she really ready to be a trendsetter?

Is Kate Middleton a fashion icon?

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

Look back at the evolution of Kate's style over the past nine years or so, it's clear that her appearance hasn't changed much. She's developed a personal style that works for her: tall boots with classic straight-leg jeans, tall boots with feminine dresses that respectably trace the curves or tall boots with pretty skirt suits. Her newer clothes may look more expensive and regal, but her trademarks endure. No extreme makeovers here.

It remains to be seen whether Kate will take up the challenge to become Britain's sartorial ambassador. It's technically not part of a First Lady's job description to promote the fashion industry. But if she does, she'll need someone in her corner to help her navigate the minefield of worst-dressed lists and discriminating editors. Then again, with rumors persisting that Middleton will wear Alexander McQueen on her wedding day, maybe she's already found that person.

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Bold beginnings
Kate Middleton models on the catwalk at a student fashion show attended by Prince William, on March, 26, 2002 in St. Andrews, Scotland.

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Pretty in peacock
Kate smiles as she visits Greenmount Agricultural College on March 8, 2011 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

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Burberry Brit
Kate attends Harry Meade & Rosie Bradford's wedding at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul on October 23, 2010 in Northleach near Cheltenham, England.

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She loves her lavender
Kate attends the wedding of Nicholas van Cutsem and Alice at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on August 14, 2009 in London, England

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The dress that dazzled the world

Metro catches up with Elizabeth Emanuel, designer of the late Princess Diana's wedding dress

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As the Royal wedding date approaches, speculation is mounting about which designer is secretly putting the finishing touches to Kate Middleton's dress. It was exactly the same when designers David and Elizabeth Emanuel were creating Lady Diana Spencer's famous wedding dress.

The design of her dress was to be so top secret that they created a second 'stunt' dress for her to wear in case the design was leaked. Metro met with Elizabeth Emanuel to learn more about what it was like trying to keep 1981's biggest secret.

What lengths did the press go to in order to try to get their scoop?

The press staked out the studio, they rummaged through the rubbish bins and continually called using lines like, 'Their jobs were on the line and if they didn't get the information, they'd have to pull their kids out of school and they'd be forced to move!'

How did you keep the dress safe?

There was no Royal protocol, no contracts, no secrecy rules but we made a completely different spare dress, and we had a safe delivered to keep the dress in, which was interesting. We hoped no one would notice but there were

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▶ Diana's bridal gown

about 400 people watching and we couldn't get it through the door, so we it had to hoik it up through the first floor window. It was a complete fiasco.

How was it when Princess Diana visited the studio?

Mostly she came alone but sometimes she came with her sister, bridesmaids or mum and we all sat on the

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▶ Designer Elizabeth Manuel

floor and looked at sketches — it was all quite informal. We did a lot of research on royal wedding dresses and she went through our rail and there was one style that looked really nice on her that looked frighteningly close to what we actually did.

How did you decide on a 25 foot train (7.62 metres)?

Well, we did some research and it said somewhere the longest Royal train to date was 23 feet (7.01 metres), so we decided to go the extra two feet.

What accessories did you produce?

We made an overskirt in case Diana spilt anything as well as a parasol and the shoes. We carried smelling salts. We also did small things like put a heart on the hanger and a little blue bow inside the dress — you know the saying, 'something borrowed, something blue...'

How much did you charge for the gown?

We charged a thousand guineas ($1,600 CDN) for the dress and the bridesmaids' dresses. But in reality it was a lot of work and it didn't really cover it. I would have done it for nothing but my Dad said, 'It's not right you saying have it for nothing'.

How did designing the dress change your life?

We were propelled into a different sphere. We made a perfume, bed linens and a copy of the dress for Madame Tussauds, on Diana's request. The dress set new bridal trends because it broke away from traditional styles.

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I am old enough to remember my aunt's dining room with red flocked-velvet wallpaper — how I loved to go to her house and touch the velvety walls.

I am also old enough to remember going to her house as a young man and helping to remove that wallpaper. I remember thinking to myself that after all the spraying and scraping in the summer heat, I would never put up wallpaper ever again in my lifetime.

They say what goes around comes around and I guess that holds true even with awful things like flocked wall coverings.

Wallpaper is coming back in vogue again and there have been some substantial improvements; papers are more durable, washable and much easier to remove to change our walls with the latest fashion of the day.

Just like when I was a boy, velvet wallpapers, beautiful, rich colours and metallic sheens are emerging as trends again. Somehow, they're looking a bit fresher and more fashionable than I remember.

Special paint primers help create better adhesion from paper to wall and allow the paper to be removed more easily, without damage to the wall surface below. Choose a primer that matches your preference of using oil or latex paints on your walls.

When measuring for wallpaper, remember that you should always buy 20 per cent more than what you measure for. This will allow for matching up patterns and making sure you have a tiny bit extra.

Removing wallpaper from a properly primed wall is quite easy. When working with a paper wall covering you can spray on a special solution to soften the paper and loosen the glue; the paper should peel off easily.

If working with a vinyl covering or a wall that has not been properly primed, a small tool that perforates the paper will help get the solution in behind and loosen the glue. Within just a few minutes, the paper should be ready to peel off the walls.

There's an old designer secret to making smaller spaces appear visually larger: Add larger prints to fabrics, drapes, art and rugs (items that don't take up any physical space in a room). The larger print gives great impact.

The big trend in wallpaper right now is large prints for impact, but beware — most of the prints are overscaled traditional designs that help mock the tinier patterns of years gone by.

Where to use wallpaper:

Front foyer: Go bold and dark. Wall coverings with shine, texture and strong colours add impact to a small entrance space. Hang a large mirror and add a show-stopper hanging light and you'll have all the drama you need.

Behind a headboard: Go light or dark depending on the overall decor of the room. A focal wall of paper will make the bed look more important and add pattern or colour that you might have been afraid to choose in the headboard, bedding or draperies. If your overall look is light and airy, then choose a paper that blends and vice versa.

Small dens or guest rooms: Be dramatic and cover all four walls to create an infinite look to the room. Paint the ceiling the same background colour as the wallpaper to make the room feel larger. If matching fabric is available, upholster the furniture to create a seamless designer look with wallpaper, paint and fabric.

Side projects

- **Wallpaper** the front of dresser drawers with leftover wallpaper to create a custom look in a room.
- **Wallpaper** a boring slab door with a large-scale, punchy-coloured paper to help add vertical art to a neutral room.
- **Add wallpaper** to the inside of a china cabinet or closet. Use bright colours, such as orange or fuchsia, to add a pop of surprise and wake up your tired china and crystal.

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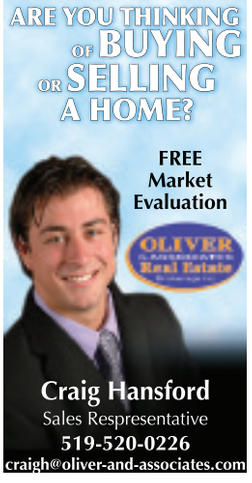

Install a TV mount in 5 easy steps

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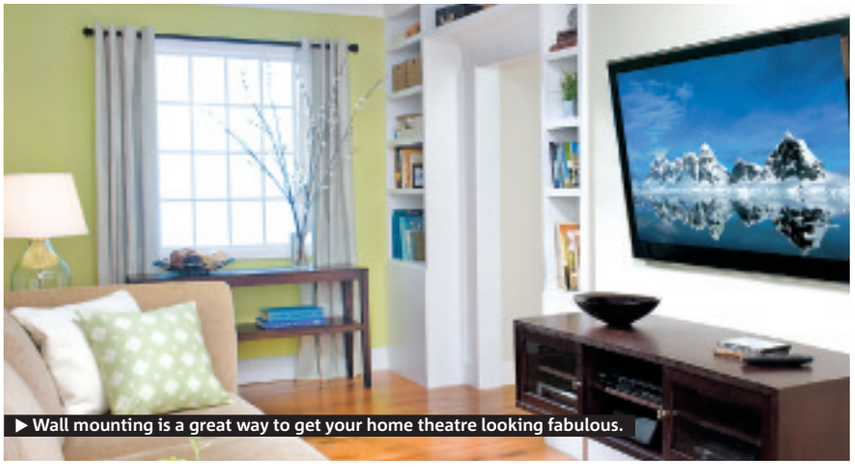

▶ Wall mounting is a great way to get your home theatre looking fabulous.

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Thinking of mounting your flat-screen LCD, LED, plasma or 3-D TV on the wall? Wall mounting is a great way to get your home theatre looking fabulous, and it's an easy do-it-yourself project that can be done in just a couple of hours. Here are the basics of a typical mount installation project.

1. Select a location on the wall where you want the TV to hang. Mounting a TV at eye level will help to avoid neck and eye strain.

2. Use a stud finder to locate wood studs in the wall.

3. Attach the mount to the back of your TV using the holes provided by the TV manufacturer.

4. Pre-drill holes into the wall studs using the mount's wall plate as a guide. Secure the wall plate to the studs.

Note: If your walls are concrete or brick, insert a concrete anchor into each drill hole until it's flush with the wall. If your wall has metal studs, ask the mount maker if they offer adapter kits — most do.

5. Attach the mount (with the TV attached) to the wall plate.

Your installation may have slightly different requirements. Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions for proper mount installation.

For help selecting a compatible wall mount for your TV, ask your local electronics retailer for their suggestion.

Or, try one of the many online mount finder tools available, such as the one from mount manufacturer Sanus (at sanus.com).

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Refreshing vegetarian soup-and-salad combo

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▶ Serve this vegetarian soup with crusty bread.

This Moroccan Vegetable Soup is the perfect vegetarian dish to serve on a cool spring night.

Traditionally finished with a spoonful of harissa, a spicy North African chili sauce, the soup can also be heated up with a few dashes of hot sauce if you like.

Preparation:

1. In large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, parsnips and sweet potato; sauté about 5 minutes or until slightly softened. Stir in garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt, pepper and cayenne.
2. Add tomatoes and broth; cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 20 minutes or until parsnips and sweet potato are tender.
3. In blender or with immersion blender, puree soup as smooth as you like. Return to pan. Add chickpeas and heat through, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in spinach until wilted. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOODLAND ONTARIO**

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 parsnips, chopped
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) coriander
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each ground cumin, paprika and salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each pepper and cayenne
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 4 cups (1 L) vegetable broth
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) baby spinach, stems removed

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Greek Quinoa Salad

Quinoa, which is dubbed "the mother grain" for its nutritional qualities, is featured in this fresh Greek salad.

Preparation:

1. Place quinoa in mesh sieve and rinse well under running water; drain and set aside.
2. In pot, bring broth to a boil and add quinoa. Stir, reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 20 minutes or until broth is absorbed. Fluff with fork into bowl. Add tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and parsley.
3. In bowl, whisk oil, vinegar and garlic. Drizzle over quinoa and vegetables. Season with salt and sprinkle with feta cheese. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CASBAH QUINOA**

Ingredients:

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) quinoa
- 750 ml (3 cups) vegetable broth
- 1 container grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) English cucumber, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) apple cider vinegar
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- Salt, to taste
- Crumbled feta cheese

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A taste of Florida: sticky orange chicken

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▶ This sweet and sticky casserole will serve four.

This Sticky Sweet Orange Chicken uses flavour-rich chicken thighs with Asian ingredients to give it zip. Meanwhile, the orange juice mixture provides a great texture to the meal.

It can be made on a weekend to be served on a weeknight or on a weeknight as a quick meal.

Ingredients:

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 2 tsp (10 mL) Italian herb seasoning
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 750 g/1 1/2 lb)
- 2 tsp (10 mL) canola oil
- 1 cup (250 mL) 100% pure orange juice
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid honey
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) unseasoned rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cornstarch

Preparation:

1. In bowl, combine garlic, parsley, Italian herb seasoning and pepper. Add chicken thighs and oil and toss well to coat chicken evenly.
2. Heat large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and brown chicken on both sides; place in an ovenproof casserole dish and set aside.
3. In small bowl, whisk together orange juice, honey, vinegar, soy sauce and cornstarch.
4. Return skillet to medium-high heat; add orange juice mixture and bring to a simmer, stirring. Pour over chicken and place in a 200 C (400 F) oven for about 15 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. **FLORIDA ORANGE JUICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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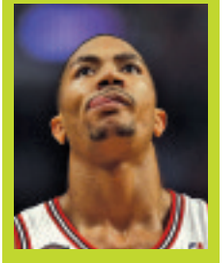

"Last year, we were just saying, 'How are we going to win this game? Do we have a chance?' We really didn't have a chance. This year, we have a chance to win almost every game that we go in."

BULLS POINT GUARD DERRICK ROSE. CHICAGO'S GAME 5 FIRST-ROUND WIN OVER INDIANA ON TUESDAY MARKED JUST THE SECOND TIME THE FRANCHISE HAS WON A PLAYOFF SERIES SINCE THE DAYS OF MICHAEL JORDAN.

CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Bruins winger Nathan Horton, centre, smiles as he is mobbed by teammates after scoring the game-winning goal against the Canadiens last night.

B's take series

Horton's 2nd OT winner of 1st round clinches for Bruins in Game 7

Nathan Horton scored 5:43 into overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens last night in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

The Bruins will play the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference semi-finals for the second consecutive year.

Tim Thomas stopped 34 shots for the Bruins, who recovered after losing the first two games of the series at home. Boston had never won a playoff series after trailing 0-2 in 26 tries.

Carey Price stopped 30 shots for Montreal, which erased deficits of 2-0 and 3-2 in Game 7.

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Horton scored with a slapshot off a pass from Milan Lucic, setting off a celebration on the Bruins bench and in the stands. It was Boston's third overtime win in the series, including Game 5 on Saturday night when Horton scored 9:03 into the second extra period.

Johnny Boychuk and Mark Recchi scored in the first 5:33 of Game 7 to give the Bruins a 2-0 lead. But Yannick Weber made it a one-goal game with a power-play goal in the first. Tomas Plekanec tied it in the second with an unassisted, short-handed goal.

After Chris Kelly scored with just under 10 minutes left to give Boston a 3-2 lead, P.K. Subban tied it in the final two minutes — again on the power play.

The Bruins were 0 for 21 on the power play in the series.

But it doesn't matter.

They will open the next round in Philadelphia with a chance to avenge last year's epic collapse against the Flyers. Boston led that series 3-0 before Philadelphia came back to force a decisive game. In Game 7 in Boston, the Bruins took a 3-0 lead before losing 4-3.

That was the second straight year that the Bruins lost a Game 7 at home.

This time, they made sure it didn't happen again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gold-medal memories aid Luongo

Roberto Luongo silenced his critics Tuesday night.

After causing Vancouver fans anxiety most of the past week, Luongo was almost flawless as the Canucks edged the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 in overtime in the seventh game of their first-round series.

He also erased doubts after allowing 13 goals in his previous three games.

"You find ways. We always say that, tough times, that's when you see true character of somebody," said Luongo.

He said the game evoked the gold-medal match of the 2010 Winter Olympics, also played at Rogers Arena, when Canada beat the U.S. in overtime.

When the pressure was on heading into overtime, after Jonathan Toews' late goal tied the game 1-1, he recalled the gold-medal triumph.

"I just remembered what it was like in the room," Luongo said. "Both times, it was quiet. Not a lot of guys said something, but the few words that were said were meaningful."

The Canucks' second-round series with the Nashville Predators starts tonight in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GM Gillis fined

The NHL confirmed to The Canadian Press by email yesterday that Canucks GM Mike Gillis has been fined for complaining about the officiating in his team's series against Chicago.

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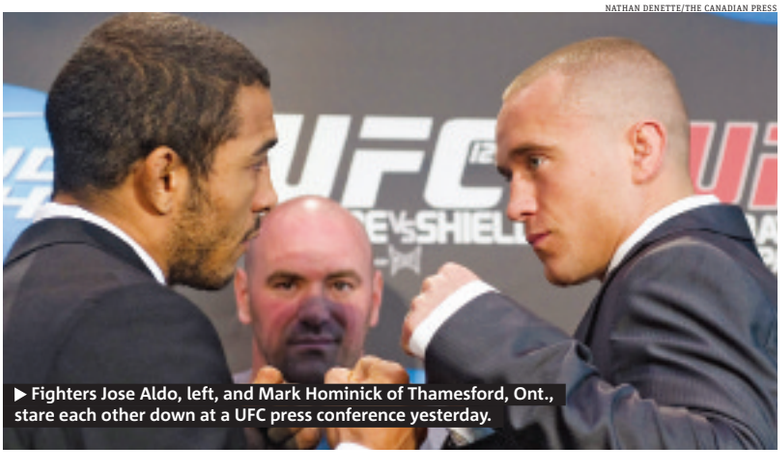

▶ Fighters Jose Aldo, left, and Mark Hominick of Thamesford, Ont., stare each other down at a UFC press conference yesterday.

Hall of Famer Randy (The Natural) Couture remembers his first taste of the UFC and marvels at what has transpired in the 14 years since UFC 13.

"To go from weighing in at the Holiday Inn with fighters and their seconds, literally in the lobby of the Holiday Inn, to what you're going to see on Friday is a remarkable journey," the 47-year-old MMA icon said yesterday ahead of his final fight.

Friday's weigh-in for UFC 129 will be held at Ricoh Coliseum — which could easily accommodate the UFC 13 crowd — with Saturday's show and its UFC-record 55,000 spectators set for the supersized Rogers Centre.

Mixed martial arts may still not be for everyone but, as Couture notes, the sport has come a long way.

"For a long time we were kind of the stepchildren, like, 'Oh my God, you're one of those cagefighters,' and they'd take a big step back like somehow you were dangerous or a criminal."

Saturday's crowd will be "55,000 cool people that enjoy watching professional athletes compete," said UFC president Dana White.

Yesterday, welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre of Montreal, featherweight title-holder Jose Aldo, former light-heavyweight champion Lyoto (The Dragon) Machida and featherweight contender Mark Hominick of Thamesford, Ont., looked more like fashion models, decked out in suits.

Top MMA fighters may not make the jumbo purses of superstar boxers, but they do OK.

St-Pierre is expected to make upwards of $2 million US for his fight with Jake Shields on Saturday.

"Now it's pretty good," he said of his pay.

"It's a young sport, it's not like boxing," he added.

The 29-year-old recalls making $1,300 for his January 2002 debut.

The official fight bonuses for Saturday's card will likely be six figures or close to it.

The UFC will likely be the biggest winner. The show has already produced a record gate of $11 million and White expects healthy pay-per-view numbers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario's wait almost over

The Toronto show will be the UFC's sixth in Canada. So far, there have been four in Montreal and one in event in Vancouver.

▶ Ticket sales show that the wait to get the sport sanctioned in Ontario was well worth it and UFC president Dana White was positively giddy for the pre-news conference at Toronto's Direct Energy Centre. "Finally, finally here," White beamed.

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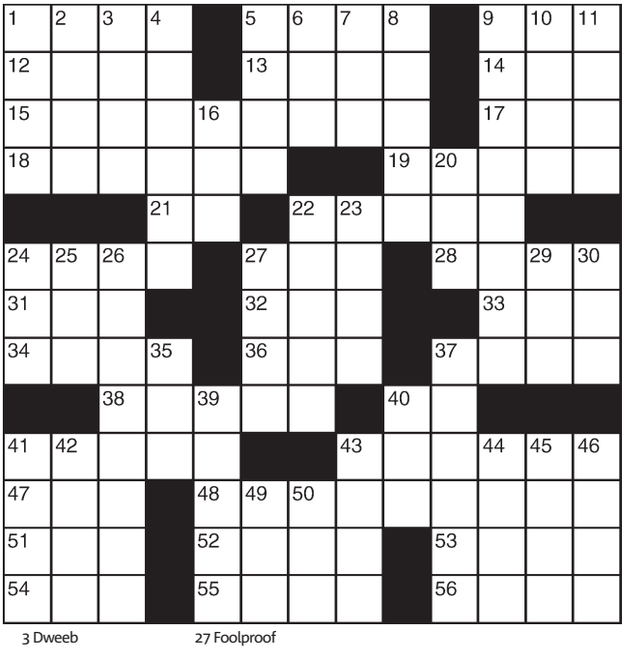

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	2	8	4	7	6	9	1	5
6	5	7	9	1	8	4	3	2
4	9	1	5	2	3	6	7	8
8	7	9	3	4	1	5	2	6
1	6	4	2	8	5	3	9	7
2	3	5	6	9	7	8	4	1
9	8	2	1	5	4	7	6	3
7	4	3	8	6	2	1	5	9
5	1	6	7	3	9	2	8	4

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Rudy, In the past 3 years we have been through a lot. We have hurt eachother in more ways than one. I hope our friendship last a lifetime. I will always have a special place for you in my heart. **BEST FRIEND**

Lennie-Pikachu
Hey baby Lennie, I wanted to say that i love you very very much and all this time we have shared together has been the best 4 months of my life <3 Forever + Always Love Babar Eden :)*
BABAR-JAMMESON

My poopiface, Happi 16th months anniversary. i love u so much. Ur my blanket when im cold. My sunshine in the rain. The best part of my day. We've had our hardships and worked through them. I hope it just gets better from here on out. <3
FROM UR DUMB DUMB HEAD

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 What is your top aim? Go for it with everything you've got over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The more you desire, the more you'll get. It's the perfect day.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Make sure you know how much you're worth, not just financially but intellectually, too.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make an effort to make others feel special and they will make efforts that enrich you, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You'll get through a mountain of work today and people in positions of authority will be impressed.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Creatively and romantically this is one of the best days of the year. Make it count.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what needs to be done and you know that now is the time to get on and do it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You don't want or need any help today. Do it yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You want to prove that you have what it takes, but don't take on too much.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Today's Sun-Pluto link encourages you to believe that you can take on the world and win.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want to succeed, you'll need to enlist people with knowledge superior to yours.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't limit yourself. Be more adventurous. SALLY BROMPTON

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